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Free Cypress Small Business Fair and Resources Expo **Helping Small Businesses Succeed on May 2, 2013 in Cypress**

Sacramento – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business are invited to attend a [Free Cypress Small Business Fair and Resources Expo](#) on Thursday, May 2, 2013 in Cypress. Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) and the City of Cypress are sponsoring this event. Cypress Mayor, Dr. Prakash Narain, and City Council Member Mariellen Yarc, will be on hand to welcome participants on behalf of the city.

Business owners seeking help understanding sales and use tax, small business ownership, how to do business with government agencies, and marketing for small businesses will receive valuable information through presentations given by representatives from the BOE, the Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center - Orange County, Coastline Institute for Economic Development, and Orange County SCORE.

Event: Free Cypress Small Business Fair and Resource Expo

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Cypress Community Center
5700 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
(Free Parking)

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or online at
<http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=202>

Learn more about a variety of BOE's other [in-person classes](#) and [online seminars](#).

Editor's note: *Listen to the PSA for this event ([15-second audio](#) and [30-second audio](#)).*

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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